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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FAR WEST WATER & SEWER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS SEWER UTILITY PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREON.

**DOCKET NO: WS-03478A-08-0454** 

NOTICE OF FILING CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION AND PROOF OF MAILING

Pursuant to the Procedural Order dated December 12, 2008, Far West Water & Sewer Company ("Far West") hereby submits this Notice of Filing Certification of Publication and Proof of Mailing in the above-referenced matter.

On January 20, 2009, notice regarding the July 29, 2009 hearing on Far West's request for a permanent revenue increase was published in *The Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation published daily in the City of Yuma, Arizona. The affidavit of Patrick Norris, Business Manager of *The Sun*, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

On January 14, 2009, Far West mailed the notice regarding the July 29, 2009 hearing to each of its customers. The affidavit of Roxanne Fiddes is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

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## Far West Water & Sewer Company Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454

## Exhibit 1

## Publisher's Affidavit of Publication 000

STATE OF ARIZONA }
COUNTY OF YUMA }

Joni Weerheim or Patrick Norris, having been first duly sworn, deposes
and says: that The Sun is a newspaper of general circulation
published daily in the City of Yuma, County of Yuma, State of Arizona;
that (s)he is the publisher or business manager of said paper; that the
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING
a printed copy of which, as it appeared in said paper, is hereto attached
and made a part of this affidavit, was published in The Sun
For ONE issues; that the date of the first
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the said Joni Weerheim or Patrick Norris
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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING ON THE RATE APPLICATION OF FAR WEST WATER & SEWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-08-0454

On August 29, 2008, Far West Water and Sewer Com-pany ("Far West" or "Com-pany") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission for an increase in annual revenues for sewer service of \$4,595,748, an approximate 214.8 percent increase in annual revenue over its current revenues. The Company has proposed a three year phase-in of the requested increase. Under current rates, residential current rates, residential customers pay \$21.75 per month. Commercial customers pay \$43.50 per month and Recreational Vehicle Parks pay \$5.44 per parking space. Under the rates proposed by the Company, in Phase One a residential customer would pay \$54.38 per month (a \$32.63 or 150 percent increase), commercial customers would pay \$108.75 per month (an increase of \$65.25, or 151 percent), and Recreational Vehicle Parks would pay \$13.60 per space (an increase of \$8.16, or 150 percent). Under the Company's proposed Phase Two, residential customers would pay \$64.16 per month. would pay \$64.16 per mont and commercial customer and commercial customers would pay \$128.33 per monit and the charge at Recreational Vehicle Parks per space would be \$16.05. Phase Two would bring the increase up to 195 percent over current rates. In the over current rates. In the Company's proposed Phase Three residential customers would pay \$74.32 per month commercial customers would commercial customers would pay \$148.64 per month and the charge at Recreational Vehicle Parks per space would be \$18.59. In addition the Company is requesting reduction in the effluent raight from \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons.

If you have any questions concerning how the Company's rate proposal will affect your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact the Company at 13157 E. 44th Street, Yuma, AZ 85367; Attention Andrew Capestro, (928) 342-1238 or info@farwestwaterandsewer.com.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation regarding the Company's rate increase proposal, and the Commission will determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in this proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company. Staff, or any intervenors and therefore, the final rates approved in this docket mabe lower or higher than the rates described above.

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Public comment meeting.
The Commission will hold public comment meeting. March 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical, at the Sunriss Elementary Schoocafeteria/multi-purporoom, 9943 28th Stree Yuma, Arizona, 85637.

Public comments will also taken at the beginning of first day of the hearth Written public comments me be submitted by mailing letter referencing Docket h WS-03478A-08-0454 Arizona Corporati Commission, Consum Services Section, 1200 W Washington, Phoenix, 85007, or by email. For a forto use and instructions how to e-mail comments the Commission, go http://www.azcc.gov/divisns/utilities/forms/public mment.pdf. If you requires sistance, you may contact the Consumer Service Section at 1-800-222-7000 cm (520) 628-6550.

Public Hearing Information
The Commission will hold a
hearing on this matter
beginning July 29, 2009, at
10:00 a.m., or as soon
thereafter as is practical, at
the Commission's offices,
1200 West Washington,
Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

About Intervention
The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law is intervene and having a drag and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted intervene. The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before March 31, 2009. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission, and mail a copy of the motion to Far West or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your motion must contain the following:

- 1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself.
- 2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a member of the Cooperative, etc.).
- 3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Cooperative or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visithe Commission's website http://www.azcc.gov/divisionsutilities/forms/interven.pd. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles party to present swortevidence at the hearing and to cross-examine othe witnesses. However, failure intervene will not preclude all interested person or entitle from appearing at the hearing and providing public comments in the record of the case.

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## Exhibit 2

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF ROXANNE FIDDES**

Roxanne Fiddes, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am a resident of Yuma County, over 18 years of age, and make this affidavit 1. based on my own personal knowledge.
  - 2. I am employed by Far West Water and Sewer, Inc. ("Far West" or "Company").
- 3. Pursuant to the Procedural Order dated December 12, 2008 ("Order"), on January 14, 2009 Far West sent to its customers, via first class U.S. mail, the public notice regarding the July 29, 2009 hearing on the Company's request for a permanent rate increase. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are a copy of the notice and a postage statement.
  - 4. Pursuant to the Order, Far West submits this proof of mailing.

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 3rd day of February, 2009.

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Notary Public

# EXHBIT A

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## How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

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## Public comment meeting

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Public comments will also be taken at the beginning of the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to <a href="http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public comment.pdf">http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public comment.pdf</a>. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

## **Public Hearing Information**

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